

## General AP Essay Scoring – 9 Scale

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Polish. Style. Grace..... Nailed it! Your writing sparkles, and your ideas could be described as profound!

8

While there may be one or two areas that could be improved, overall, you nailed it! Mature writing and insightful ideas!

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The THINKING is really all there! Your writing has depth and insight. There were a few problems with clunky writing or language control (minor).

6

The depth and insight are ALMOST there. You have a few areas that may seem too obvious or follow some questionable logic. You may have a few minor problems with clunky writing or language control. Your writing is lacking some of the mature style and grace that is needed for a top-tier paper.

5

While there were no glaring problems in your writing, it lacked depth and insight. You are stating the obvious and failing to look deeper into the text. Your logic could be questioned in a few areas. You have a few problems with writing and language control. It lacks polish and style and may have a few issues with clarity.

4

You definitely have a few areas of concern in your essay. Your logic is flawed in areas, and your ideas lack depth. You are having some problems communicating your ideas clearly and concisely, and your meaning is hampered at times by a lack of language control.

3

This essay needs some revision. Your logic is flawed and may show some misreading of the text. You had difficulty getting your point across clearly and concisely. Because there are some significant problems with language control, your meaning is severely hampered.

2

You are having significant problems expressing your ideas clearly. At times, your lack of language control causes the reader to miss your message. Your logic is flawed, and you are showing a misreading of the text and/or prompt at times. You do not seem to understand the concepts addressed in the prompt.

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You seem to have a general misunderstanding of the prompt and/or the text. In the context of your assignment, your writing makes little sense. The severity of your lack of language control makes your reader unable to understand your point.